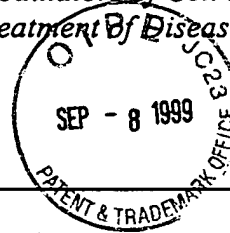


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**Preliminary Amendment
Under 37 CFR § 1.121**

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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the patent application filed on April 14, 1998, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121.

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, line 4, please replace "1998" with --1997--.

Page 4, line 28, change "Figure 1" to --Figure 2--.

Page 5, line 4, change "Figure2" to --Figure 1--.

Page 12, line 9, after "VYAGILSYRVGFFLFILVVA AVTLC" insert --(SEQ.ID.NO:1)--.